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- 1. IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT,
 THE USADB IS SUBMITTING THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF A MEMORANDUM TO THE U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FROM ADB PRESIDENT
 YOSHIDA. THE LETTER RESPONDED TO A MEMORANDUM PREPARED
 BY THE USED WHICH QUOTED SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
 BLUMENTHAL'S REMARKS ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY MADE EARLIER
 THIS YEAR BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS
 OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. A COPY OF
 PRESIDENT YOSHIDA'S MEMORANDUM IS BEING POUCHED TO
 TREASURY (DONALD SHERK), WHICH TREASURY MAY WISH TO BRING
 TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND/
 OR STAFF.
- 2. THE FOLLOWING ARE ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY ADB IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY:

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- A. THE INFORMATION OFFICE PREPARES AND DISTRIBUTES ABOUT 100 NEWS RELEASES A YEAR TO NEARLY 12,000 ADDRESSES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. ANNUAL REPORTS, INFORMATION BROCHURES, QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS AND BANK STUDIES AND REPORTS RELEASED FOR PUBLICATION ARE ALSO EXTENSIVELY MAILED TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

- B. ADB STAFF HAVE CARRIED OUT A BROAD REVIEW OF THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND OF THE CURRENT SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF BANK DOCUMENTS. SINCE THE U.S. ED'S MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENT YOSHIDA, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN DECLASSIFYING OR DOWNGRADING ROUTINE PERIODICAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM FREELY AVAILABLE FOR OFFICIAL USE IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.
- C. ALSO, PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN PUT TO THE BOARD FOR DECLASSIFYING THE MONTHLY OPERATIONAL INFORMATION (MOI) DOCUMENT AND MAKING IT AVAILABLE QUARTERLY ON PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION AND FOR PUBLISHING IN ADVANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT FORUM INFORMATION ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH BANK LOANS. (NOTE: THE LATTER RECOMMENDATION WAS APPROVED LAST WEEK, WHILE THE PROPOSAL TO DECLASSIFY THE MOI WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD ON AUGUST 24.)
- D. THE BANK WILL BE CONTINUING TO REVIEW THE ROUTINE MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE BOARD TO SEE WHETHER DOCUMENTS WHICH STILL BEAR A SECURITY CLASSIFICATION COULD BE MODIFIED IN SOME WAY IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE NEED FOR CLASSIFICATION.
- E. ON THE MECHANICS OF DECLASSIFICATION, THE EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER WHICH DEALS INTER ALIA WITH DECLASSIFICATION (NO. 4.03) IS CURRENTLY BEING REVISED, PARTICUUNCLASSIFIED

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LARLY WITH REGARD TO THE NEED TO INDICATE WHERE DOCUMENTS ARE CLEARED FOR PUBLIC USE. EDMOND

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